

## **Judicial Education Committee**

January 31, 2003 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
National City Center - Room 1071/73

1. **Committee members present.**

Earl Penrod, chair; Ted Boehm; Chris Burnham; Barbara Collins; Steve David, Bob Freese; Jane Magnus-Stinson, Doug Morton; Maggie Robb, Ted Todd; Nancy Vaidik; Jim Williams; and Mike Witte.

2. **Staff present.**

Jane Seigel, Cathy Springer, and Vicki Davis attended the meeting.

3. **Minutes.**

The minutes from the October meeting were adopted as submitted.

4. **Goals and objectives of 2003.**

Earl Penrod stated his goal for the Judicial Education Committee would be to continue to fulfill the primary functions of the committee: to schedule and develop curriculum for judicial officer education; to identify and train faculty; and to develop a long term vision for judicial education.

5. **Re-organization and Assignment for Subcommittees.**

The subcommittee chairs met from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00, noon to discuss projects for 2003. At the full committee meeting, each subcommittee chair described what projects the subcommittee would be focusing on for 2003. After these reports, committee members were asked to turn in a sheet of paper listing their first, second and/or third subcommittee choice. Notification of subcommittee assignments will be set out at a later date.

- a. Technology Subcommittee, chaired by Chris Burnham. This subcommittee will focus on: (1) developing courses/sessions on technology for judicial officers including what should be taught, how it should be taught and when it should be taught; (2) coordinating with Judicial Center staff and JTAC staff members to expand current web-page structure; (3) to use conferences to change the manner in which our judiciary views the use of technology and to make them more comfortable in using technology, for example, by reducing the amount of paper materials in the binder and making certain materials available only on-line.
- b. New Judicial Officer Subcommittee, chaired by Mike Witte. This subcommittee will focus on: (1) pre-bench and general jurisdiction orientation curriculum every other year; (2) developing interim new judicial officer programs in April and September such as primer courses/sessions; (3) review, update and evaluate the Mentor Judge Program; and (4) develop orientation/education sessions for new magistrates, commissioners and referees.
- c. Judicial College Subcommittee, chaired by Earl Penrod: This subcommittee will focus on : (1) further refinements to the Master's program, including the writing requirement; (2) development of Master's Level courses; and (3) standards for designation of Master's and Judicial College Credit courses.

6. **Review of Winter 2002 Program.**

Staff reviewed attendance and curriculum presented at the Winter program. The committee reviewed the evaluation tally from the Winter program and generally discussed the program, as well as the conference schedule change from a two day to a one program.

7. **Brief Review of the Orientation Programs.**

The new judicial officers attended a two day pre-bench orientation in December, a four day general orientation in January, and a one day juvenile orientation, also in January. Judge Witte noted the new

officers were very appreciative of the education they received, but they all wanted more! They appreciated the nuts and bolts presentations with practical advice from experienced judges. A suggestion was made to consider inviting a group of experienced judges to the pre-bench dinner for the new judges. The new judges have so many questions that any opportunity to sit down with other experienced judicial officers would be extremely beneficial to them. The committee generally agreed it would be a good idea to continue the "orientation program observers" on a formal basis.

8. **2002 Year in Review.**

Staff distributed a 2002 Curriculum Grid showing a break down of 2002 courses and sessions into the 5 categories of: legal ability, judicial skills, personal growth and development, contemporary/interdisciplinary issues and judicial authenticity. A break-down of the hours and curriculum percentages will be submitted to the Committee at the March meeting.

9. **Spring 2003 Program.**

Staff distributed the proposal for the 2003 Spring Judicial College and a list of proposed courses for 2004. All programs will be individual courses with attendance limited to 30-50 participants. Curriculum suggestions were offered for the course dealing with the impact of the war on terrorism and to expand it beyond the Soldier and Sailors Civil Relief Act, as well as some suggestions on the session addressing probation department administration.

10. **June 2003 Programs.**

The Graduate Program is scheduled for June 1-6. This program is planned and coordinated by a special planning committee chaired by the Chief Justice. The Juvenile Court Program is scheduled for June 19-20. Judge Burnham agreed to serve as liaison between the Judicial Education Committee and the Juvenile Benchbook/Juvenile Justice Improvement - the committees that assist with suggestions for program content.

11. **September 2003.**

Staff distributed a list of suggested sessions for the 2003 September Annual Meeting. The committee asked Justice Boehm to pursue the possibility of having a United States Supreme Court Justice as the keynote speaker. Committee members offered some additional education sessions including: "Best Practices" Forum Discussions; Admiralty & Gaming Laws under the Jones Act; and, Recognizing the Mentally Ill Person in Court. Judge Witte suggested a possible theme could be "Work in Progress" with education sessions focusing on the new jury rules, protection orders and JTAC case management system.

12. **Domestic Relations Workshop, November 13-14.**

Staff said that the Domestic Relations Committee has discussed the possibility of including the topic of pensions and QDRO's during the Domestic Relations Workshop this November. Judge Penrod asked Judge Robb to serve as the committee liaison to the Domestic Relations Committee to offer that group any suggestions/thoughts about the workshop. The workshop is still in the planning stages.

13. **Winter Program, December 12.**

The committee briefly discussed a possible topic idea for the Winter program – Indiana Jury Rules: One Year Later. No decisions were made on the December topic.

14. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

*The next meeting of the Education Committee will be **Friday, March 14.** Subcommittees will meet from 10:00 a.m -12:00 p.m.; the full committee will meet from 1:00-3:30 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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